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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001. It is filed before or on the due date of February 28, 2002, making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-70490/RMS/AXG/DLR).

Please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend these claims as follows:

1. (Amended) In a method of providing an array of porous polymer pads on a solid support and then drying the array of porous polymer pads on said solid support, the

improvement comprising carrying out said drying by freeze-drying by a method comprising:

a. freezing said array of porous polymer pads on said solid support, and

b. drying said array of porous polymer pads on said solid support at reduced pressure,

wherein said freeze-drying increases the pore size of the porous polymer pads.

2. (Amended) An array of porous polymer pads on a solid support, wherein said porous polymer pads are freeze dried by:

a. providing an array of porous polymer pads on a solid support,

b. freezing said array on said solid support, and

c. drying said array on said solid support at reduced pressure,

thereby increasing pore size in the porous polymer pads.